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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 relate to the subject matter of the present invention and are brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.98.

The German Search Report dated 06 February 2007 received in corresponding German Patent Application No. 20 2004 005 848.0 is not in the English language. The German Search Report identifies eight (8) references. In the event that the references are not in English, either an English counterpart or English abstract has been provided. Specifically for EP 0 724 101, US 5,322,480 is identified. For EP 0 966 624, US 6,161,373 is identified. For DE 198 60 948, US 6,354,070 is identified. For DE 198 37 231, US 6,459,037 is identified. For the remaining references (DE 198 40 012; DE 36 13 431; DE 41 20 481 and EP 1 138 555) an English abstract has been provided. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and MPEP 609 a concise explanation of the non-English language information has been provided.

This statement is being submitted prior to a first office action on the merits. While this statement contains all the relevant information presently known to the applicant, it should not be

interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no other relevant information exists. Also, this statement should not be interpreted as a representation that any cited reference is prior art, or that any cited reference is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. The applicant invites the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of each cited reference, copies of which are enclosed, to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the present application.

Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

Respectfully submitted,

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